

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2646 without my signature.

I am sympathetic to the experiences of those individuals who have lost a loved one. However, there is no quantifiable data to demonstrate the existence of inappropriate handling of hospice-related death investigations conducted by coroners. In addition, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training indicates that coroners already have 80 hours of training on various topics including response to natural deaths. As a result, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger